the Chaplain

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My dear Dr. Hazen:

I am pleased at this opportunity to address, through you, the chaplains of our Army. No one knows better than I how much their devotion to our soldiers contributed to the final victory. Yet today, with the fighting over, the need for their continued service is undiminished. Our soldiers the world over, with more time on their hands, anxious to go home and conscious of the problems facing them on return to civil life, are urgently in need of the counsel of these men who served them so well in battle.

I know how anxious these chaplains are to return to the service of their civilian communities and it is our intention to accomplish their release as soon as the need for them in the service no longer exists. In many instances, because the rate of demobilization has so far exceeded our previous best estimates, there have been temporary local disproportions in the numbers of enlisted men and officers, including chaplains, who have been returned from overseas for separation. These cases are receiving our close attention and will soon cease to exist.

It is my earnest endeavor to release as rapidly as possible every individual not actually required in accomplishing the Army's mission.

In the meantime, I must repeat, the opportunity for service by the Army chaplain is as great, or greater, than it has ever been.

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Times of Impatience

FOR everybody things are moving too slowly: with President Truman, it is Congress; with servicemen, it is demobilization; with America generally, it is reconversion due to strikes. Everywhere men are restless, clamorous, impatient with delays and confusion that follow the feverishness of war.

It is not strange that chaplains should experience this feeling. The stirring yesterday with its swift movement of troops, its dramatic incidents and its new adventures has passed. Now some of those chaplains must await what seems to them the slow process by which they are returned to civilian life.

Naturally they look with increasing longing towards home and their families whom long separation has made even more precious in their eyes. The situation has led some chaplains to feel that a pastorate would yield a more profitable investment of their time and their energies than do their present assignments. Occasionally one complains of some inequity in his delay in separation from the services.

General Eisenhower's Interest

TO the General Commission have come letters expressing reasons for an early release of chaplains. A congregation that had granted a leave of absence to its pastor to serve as a chaplain wants him back. A younger chaplain desires to return to pursue certain advanced studies. A combat chaplain of rather long service inquires why a replacement is not provided. Still another cites some family condition as a reason for being granted immediate release.

While in proportion to the thousands of Protestant chaplains still on active duty the number of appeals has been small, nevertheless it was felt that their viewpoints should be made known to the proper authorities. For that purpose General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Chief of Staff, recently granted Dr. Joseph C. Hazen, Acting Director of the General Commission, an extended opportunity to present the feelings of certain Army chaplains. The General's letter which appears on the cover of this bulletin issue not only expresses his high appreciation of the services of chaplains, but assures them that their separation will keep pace with demobilization. His concern, however, which is generally shared, is lest chaplains be released in such numbers as to leave our men in uniform without adequate spiritual and moral oversight.

• *How wartime Easter brought our men hope and comfort*

A Chaplain Remembers

By Chaplain Arnold L. Simonson

(217th AAA Gun Bn.)

THE time was Easter Sunday, 1945; the place, Germany. That was the day my unit (431st AAA AW Bn) crossed the Rhine and traveled about 130 miles. We arose long before daybreak and our convoy got under way just before dawn. So this was Easter?

The day's experiences were difficult and the trip a hard one. Yet the crossing of the Rhine (at Worms) buoyed up our spirits and we knew that the last great barrier to final victory had been surmounted.

After a long day we finally bivouaced in an old mill, behind which there was a large open field. Supper was late, but good. I sent out word that we would gather for our Easter service in the large field. The sun had passed from view; twilight was at hand. I had parked my jeep in an open space and on its hood had placed the wooden cross made for me by an Alsatian carpenter—exemplifying the labors and sacrifice of another, the Carpenter of Nazareth. Such was the worship center, but in the distant background was the deep diapason of many guns booming.

Thus in a field men gathered to worship God. In a country that had tried to do away with God we worshiped him. We sang a few hymns. I talked simply and earnestly on the victorious Easter theme and, as the last light of day faded out of the West I raised my hand and pronounced the benediction.

But that is only part of the story. Before me that Easter evening had gathered men of all faiths. I am a Protestant, but there were many Catholics with me. We all had come because we believed in God. This was a far cry from the beauty of a sanctuary but we all grasped the truth that the sanctuary attempts to illustrate. We sang together, we thought together before God, we worshiped. And out of that experience there came the renewal of strength and the fulfilment of our desire to think of the Master.

Such was our Easter, 1945. Is it possible to evaluate such things? I make no effort to do so. But I am sure of some things without knowing their true meaning to others. I am sure that I was made better. I am sure that I, as a chaplain, was fulfilling one of the purposes for which I volunteered for the Army. And I am sure that a need, deep seated in men's hearts, was satisfied. We were a group of Americans in a foreign land where some of our comrades sleep. We were tired from months of combat. But the spirit of God was with us.

AS CHAPLAINS SAW IT

Chaplain John D. McClung, who landed at Omaha Beach, Normandy, and was assigned to Patton's Third Army for a year, reports that during 146 days of fighting his outfit suffered 3,000 casualties. The chaplain, who was wounded on the last day of combat duty, spent time in seven hospitals but was returned to duty serving as Regional Hospital Chaplain, Fort Knox, Ky.

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Chaplain Richard A. Risser has described a rapid advance of the 30th Infantry Division. It moved from Paris, France, to Hournai, Belgium, covering 140 miles in 72 hours. It is believed that for speed the advance from the Rhine to the Elbe in thirteen days was not exceeded by any other division.

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Chaplain L. M. Wahlquist, stationed at the United States Merchant Marine Cadet School, San Mateo, Calif., recalls services held in the famous Casino at Avalon, on Catalina Island. The chaplain organized two station libraries which grew from 1,500 to almost 6,000 books. During thirty-two months Chaplain Wahlquist distributed some 4,000 New Testaments besides thousands of pieces of other religious literature.

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When Chaplain Robert N. Stretch, USNR (who before entering the service was pastor for Episcopal students at the University of Pennsylvania) arrived at Guam he found some 2,000 Negroes in his care. On three separate mornings the chaplain, the two Negro Baptist preachers and the candidates drove to Tumon Bay. After Scripture reading, prayer and the singing of "On Jordan's Stormy Banks" the candidates were baptized by the minister of their chosen faith. Chaplain Stretch writes: "It was an experience of deep significance for the chaplain's understanding of the basic faith in Jesus Christ which underlies all differences in race and denomination."

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Chaplain Arnold A. Lyerly, formerly of the Air Transport Command, writes: "Social, civic and religious organizations have a tremendous responsibility for rehabilitation in the postwar world. You must give the service man something worth returning to."

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Members of the Jewish faith of the Ninth Air Defense Command consider that one of the finest services rendered by Chaplain Floyd S. Smith was his part in the restoration of the Jewish Synagogue in the picturesque town of Bad Neustadt, Bavaria. The synagogue, which the Nazis had used as an ammunition dump, was renovated and the ancient aids to worship were recovered. The service of dedication was conducted by Chaplain David Lefkowitz of Shreveport, La.

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While Chaplain Dale J. Simons was stationed with the Army Air Forces

on Tarawa Atoll there visited him the Reverend Mr. J. H. Spivey, worker of the London Missionary Society in the Gilbert Islands. At a service conducted by the missionary in a labor camp on Betio Island, Chaplain Simons made this observation about late comers: "They caused less commotion than is usual in American churches, because there were no doors to slam, and also being barefooted, they could slip silently into their places."

The chaplain praised the vocal ability of the Gilbertese but said that they became so intrigued with the novelty of organ music that they stopped singing to listen.

Chaplain Simons paid this tribute to missions: "More and more we come to realize, I hope, that we live in a world community where no brother is a foreigner, and no place in it is outside our neighborhood. Missions! That call is paramount everywhere but 'foreign' is a word that must be banished from our thinking."

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Chaplain Charles R. Cooley, USNR, who was pastor of the First Congregational Church, Meriden, Connecticut, entered the naval chaplaincy in November, 1942. He has expressed his view of what Americans will be looking for in returning chaplains. He says:

"Many men returning from this war to our various communities will be potential recruits for the churches. Not all will flock to our churches, but those who do will want a church ready for social action. They will be searching for reality, listening for the note of sincerity, looking for those leaders and churches whose conduct is consonant with their profession. If there is one thing I have learned in the service, it is that words are not enough—conduct must coincide."

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Chaplain Grover Chapman, who was with the 105th General Hospital on Biak Island where there were as many as 2,000 patients in the sixty wards, has written this in praise of the chaplaincy: "I hope we may find a better way out in the future. I even hope there may never be any more wars. However, if the challenge came to me again as it did in 1942, I again would want to respond to the call of duty as a chaplain."

When the war came not only did Chaplain Chapman go with the troops, but Mrs. Chapman offered her services to Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston. His daughter, Margaret, entered the Nurses Cadet Training in Chicago and his son, Myron, saw duty overseas as a private.

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Chaplain William R. Fausey of the Christian and Missionary Alliance recalls this example of team-work among chaplains: "Arriving in the Philippines the problem was a place to worship. Lumber is scarce and precious as gold. Another chaplain and I drew the plans, went in the jungle in order to get the material and within three weeks had a native chapel completed. Within one month we had the privilege of dedicating two of these chapels to the Lord and his blessing surely has been upon us."

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Chaplain Edgar E. Pennington, USNR, reports that one of his most satisfactory war recollections is that of his dealing with disciplinary cases. Upon his arrival at Auckland, New

Zealand, he compiled a song book, led singing and gave lectures on astronomy to the casualties in the Naval Mobile Hospital No. 4. He writes:

"It was also my privilege in Auckland to make very intimate contacts with the local Church of England. I preached in over thirty New Zealand churches, addressed a large number of religious and educational groups and delivered the opening sermon at the Synod of the Diocese of Auckland. I was the first American Episcopal clergyman to assist in an Anglican ordination in New Zealand. At my departure I was awarded a memorial plaque by the bishop and clergy in token of my work as a friendly representative of the American Church."

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Among his experiences at Hq, 743rd AAA Gun Bn, CHAPLAIN RUFUS H. TIMBERLAKE recounts the following: "I can never forget the time a New Guinea native came to my office, naked from the waist up, stood his rifle against the wall, spoke some simple words of greeting in his queer pidgin dialect and offered me a package containing the coveted Bird of Paradise plumes 'for a remembrance.'" The chaplain felt that the generosity of these primitive people was called forth by the appearance of the Cross worn by chaplains which has become the highest emblem "for a remembrance."

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CHAPLAIN ARTHUR H. MARSH, formerly of the 123rd Infantry recounted his experiences during the campaign for the capture of Baguio, Luzon, the summer capital of the Philippines. He writes:

"Through God's Providence and mercy we finally reached the troops, who were just completing the digging of their foxholes. I had selected a slope offering reasonable protection from the enemy. However, just as I began the service, the enemy, who had apparently observed our gathering, began to shell us. We prayed and sang hymns, and then I read a portion of the New Testament and preached the sermon. Throughout the service shells passed whistling over our heads, but fortunately none fell near enough to cause injury. After the service the men expressed their deep appreciation for their first service in months. A short half hour later, as darkness descended, the Jap artillery shells began to hit, killing a number of our men. It was a ghastly night, but I was comforted with the knowledge that my boys had not been spiritually neglected, but had prayed and received God's blessing before the hour of suffering and death."

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When CHAPLAIN SAMUEL G. WARR was stationed at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Puerto Rico, Protestant men presented $150.00 to the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Clinic. This project, serving all evangelical groups, is located in the hill country near Puerto Rico and is under the supervision of the Disciples of Christ with the Reverend C. Manly Morton in charge.

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Former CHAPLAIN KENNETH L. PALMER, USNR, who was on leave from the Federated Church of Leicester, Mass., recalls with satisfaction the following incident: "One evening after a service a rangy Texan walked to the door with me and said, 'I thank God every day of my life that I am fighting for a country which supplies chaplains for its armed services.'"

Chaplains on Guam during the war. Photo contributed by Chaplain Robert M. Schwyhart

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Chaplain John Courtney Sheffield, USNR, makes this observation concerning the passage through the Panama Canal of the *USS Barnes* (CVE-20) on a Communion Sunday: "Only a certain percentage of our ships pass through the Canal, and of that number only the larger ships have chaplains. Of these ships only a few pass through on Sunday, and finally the chances of that particular Sunday being one on which Holy Communion is observed are slim. So all in all it was an unusual experience, and it is believed that it may be unequalled."

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What is regarded as one of the most accurate reports of Protestantism on Okinawa has been supplied by Chaplain W. E. Nye, USNR, who obtained his information from Dr. Toyama, a native clergyman. The chaplain states: "Before the war, there were six congregations in Naha and one in Shuri. Five of these buildings were demolished and the remaining two damaged beyond use during the military campaign. That means that there is no Christian building at the present time for the entire population of Okinawa."

Chaplain Calvin M. Pinkard found his trench shovel easier to carry above his head than hanging from his belt where it bumped his knees. Holding it aloft he climbed up over a stone wall. The enemy soldiers, thinking it was a grenade, threw down their weapons and put up their hands. Otherwise unarmed, Chaplain Pinkard marched them back to headquarters. The chaplain, holder of the Legion of Merit, is a member of the North Alabama Conference of The Methodist Church.

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Chaplain Edwin Gomke is partial to the 10th Mountain Division and its 87th Infantry Regiment to which he was assigned. He has sent this account of a church service one night in Italy: "Among those present were several lads who had never attended a church service before. When the service was over, there was a hushed silence, while the men began to file past me, headed for their dugouts and their gun positions. . . . As the last of them shook my hand, he said in a hoarse whisper:

" 'Chaplain, I must say that was a damn good service.' "

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BARGER, LYMAN T. ..... *The Methodist Church*, Crawfordsville, Ark.
BARTLETT, JAMES E. ..... *The Methodist Church*, Groveland, Fla.
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BERG, MILTON E. ..... *First Lutheran Church*, Gardner, Mass.
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BLAYLOCK, HUGH F. ..... *The Methodist Church*, Dodson, Texas
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FRANKLIN, JOHN S. ..... *Immanuel Baptist Church*, Brooklyn, N. Y.
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HABEL, HENRY W. ..... *First Baptist Church*, Geneva, N. Y.
HARVEY, THEODORE L. ..... *First Baptist Church*, Fort Dodge, Iowa
HENKELMANN, REINHOLD ..... *First Moravian Church*, Philadelphia, Pa.
HOCH, CARL A. ..... *The United Brethren Church*, McClure, Ohio
HOLMBERG, EMANUEL E. ..... *The Methodist Church*, Crescent, Okla.
HYDE, FOREST ERVIN ..... *The Congregational Church*, Royal Oak, Mich.
INGERSOLL, EDWARD P. ..... *The Presbyterian Church*, Brookville, Pa.
JOHNSON, PHILIP C. ..... *First Baptist Church*, Fresno, Calif.
KALTENBACH, GUSTAVE A. ..... *First Presbyterian Church*, Hibbing, Minn.
KIEFFER, ROBERT E., JR. ..... *Wissahickon Methodist Church*, Philadelphia, Pa.
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MCKNEELY, THOMAS W. ..... *Cheek Heights Baptist Church*, Durham, N. C.
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METTERS, ROBERT G. ..... *Emanuel Episcopal Church*, Boston, Mass.
MILLER, MOORE R. ..... *The Presbyterian Church*, East Liverpool, Ohio
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REED, JOHN T. ..... *First Presbyterian Church*, DeKalb, Miss.
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RUSHFORD, PARK TRUMAN ..... *First Baptist Church*, Waldron, Ind.
SCHNELLE, DAYLE R. ..... *The Christian Church*, Arkansas City, Kan.
SIMPSON, HENRY P. ..... *Mt. Carmel Baptist Church*, Carmel, N. Y.
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• *After a score of years in Congress, this distinguished clergyman still preaches the basic gospel of peace*

"Unless"—Peace Faces Fateful Word

By Representative Charles A. Eaton of New Jersey

(Delegate to San Francisco Conference and alternate to recent UNO General Assembly in London)

IN this postwar period of nervous exhaustion, mental confusion and moral torpor, the world faces two central certainties as to the future.

First, unless the peoples of the world, working together can establish and maintain permanent world peace, the inevitable alternative is a third world war; which war will destroy what is left of our alleged civilization, and may end by wiping the human race off the earth.

For this first certainty we are largely indebted to physical science which, at long last, has learned enough of the secret of atomic energy to use it with horribly successful results as an agent of mass destruction. With this appalling force in the uncontrolled hands of unmoral governments and individuals, hungry for domination over their fellowmen world peace or even continued human existence becomes an idle dream.

Sane thinking men and women in and out of governments in America and abroad have clearly seen that if civilization is to be saved and future wars prevented some kind of world organization must be devised. This must be an organization which shall insure security and peace by substituting law for brute force in settling international disputes. Viewed against the background of universal carnage, the accomplishments of the San Francisco Conference amounted to a moral, spiritual and political miracle. Think of it: the representatives of fifty-one nations came together there, bringing with them the passion and bewilderments of the war. It must not be forgotten, also, that these delegates represented every conceivable type and degree of social, economic and political life among peace-loving nations.

Of course, the United Nations Charter is only a beginning in the supreme task of creating a new world civilization based upon law and free co-operation. But the great hopeful fact remains that a beginning has been made, and that the new organization of United Nations has already begun to function with reassuring evidence of efficiency and success. We hail this United Nations organization as the first star of hope to appear in the black sky of a prostrate and ruined world.

The second central certainty which must be faced is that no permanent world peace is possible which is not based upon and sanctioned by universal moral principles universally accepted. This inescapable, rock-bot-

tom certainty gives worth and meaning to the work of the devoted chaplains of our armed forces as it does to the work of every other class of religious leaders. It is no exaggeration to say that our world is sunk in the corroding, smothering depth of the blackest spiritual depression of the Christian era. This is evidenced by the brutal, godless, materialistic national and racial ideologies accepted in place of the Christian faith which plunged us into two world wars in a single generation.

This universal, spiritual collapse is further evidenced by the intense and exclusive interest manifested among all classes in material things; by a growing indifference to, and contempt for spiritual ideals and standards of life; by increasing personal, class and racial animosities and strife; by the substitution of pleasure for happiness; and by a general apotheosis of the unimportant in life.

The logical and inevitable end of all this is a so-called civilization based primarily upon the alimentary canal, and the processes of procreation. But it so happens that these two bases so blithely proposed for the main support and sustenance of human society are the twin foundations of every well conducted hog-pen, which of course would be entirely satisfactory to the hogs, were it not for the butcher's knife poised for contact with their jugulars just beyond the well filled trough.

We have come at last to a world age in which all sections of the earth are in complete and continuous contact. Henceforth, it is tragically true that no nation can live or die unto itself.

Here stands the supreme challenge to all men of good will who know that man, like the God who created him, is primarily a spiritual being and whose destiny here and hereafter is determined by his spiritual quality. While recognizing the importance of every social, economic and political problem with which every nation and race is now confronted, I believe the central problem of the world today is how to find, accept and practice a common moral standard; and by so doing achieve a common spiritual understanding and unity.

The answer to the most central and compelling of all questions is given us in the message of Jesus Christ. A universal age must have a universal philosophy of life for its support and guidance. There is only one truly universal philosophy capable of universal understanding and universal adoption: *the philosophy proclaimed by Jesus of Nazareth.* He gave us the all-inclusive concept of the Kingdom of God on earth.

He further gave us the one moral code—the Golden Rule—capable of universal acceptance and application. Jesus brought to us the secret of a continuous spiritual rebirth in which and by which individuals and races may become endowed with spiritual strength for full observance of the Christian universal moral code.

This glorious, divine reality gave to the service of the chaplains in our armed forces a value and power beyond the greatest of all possible material equipment—a spiritual invincibility of free men which won the war.

The world waits for this universal spiritual message. It is the final test and challenge to all who believe that this is still God's world—that man is first of all a spiritual being and that the only permanent foundation for a world of brotherhood lies in the essential spiritual unity of mankind.

NEWS AND VIEWS

International Holiday. Establishment by the United Nations Organization of an annual, international peace-building holiday is being sought by a new Committee for Peace Day in the United Nations. Petitions for such a holiday are now being signed throughout the country.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has given one million dollars to the World Council of Churches. According to Mr. Rockefeller's wishes, about one-half the amount will be used for the World Council's relief and reconstruction program, and the other half to establish and maintain a Christian laymen's training center on the Continent under the auspices of the World Council.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff, has been awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of Toronto.

The Reverend Carleton Miner Fisher has arrived in the Netherlands where he is engaged in relief work as the representative of the Universalist Service Committee.

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker who with his seven companions rediscovered the value of prayer when they were adrift on the Pacific Ocean for more than three weeks, has been heard weekly on a series of 13 coast-to-coast half-hour radio programs entitled, "The World's Most Honored Flights."

New Magazine. An outstanding success in postwar religious journalism is the new French weekly, *Reforme,* edited by the Rev. Albert Finet. It is the first Protestant publication in French history that deals not only with religious questions but with general problems.

General Evangeline Booth marked her 80th birthday and the 80th anniversary of the Salvation Army with a call for a "swifter march" in these times of turmoil. General Booth addressed about 20,000 persons in Kansas City. General George C. Marshall appeared on the program with her. A letter from President Truman described the Salvation Army as "one of the most important spiritual forces in the world."

Dr. Shepherd Knapp, former assistant minister of the Brick Presbyterian Church, New York City, and pastor from 1908 to 1936 of the Center Congregational Church, Worcester, Mass., died recently in Worcester.

Dr. John Wear Burton, missionary leader and president-general of the Methodist Church in Australasia, and now on a speaking mission to the American Methodist seminaries, has praised American soldiers. "Your men," he said, "conducted themselves in Australia with dignity, restraint, affection and cordiality."

Award. Winner of the national Russell Colgate Distinguished Service

Citation for 1945 is Mr. Alfred H. Avery, Malden, Mass. The award was made because of Mr. Avery's outstanding contributions to the advancement of Christian education through personal leadership and influence.

Magna Carta. The copy of Magna Carta kept safely in this country for four years, has been returned to Great Britain. The great charter was handed by Dr. Luther H. Evans, Librarian of Congress, to His Majesty's Minister, John Balfour, for return to the Dean and Chapter of the Lincoln Cathedral.

The Reverend Dr. Douglas Horton of the Federal Council of Churches, who recently returned from Japan reported that he found a decided change in Japanese sentiment toward America and toward Christianity. He reported increased interest in the study of English and of the Bible, and he believes Japan is ready and eager for the Christian Church to reorganize and extend its work there.

Dr. John M. Ratcliff has been elected professor of Religion and dean of the Crane Theological School, the Tufts College School of Religion.

The Right Rev. Norman A. Binsted, Episcopal Bishop of the Philippines, who was interned for three years by the Japanese has recently made a national speaking tour in the interest of the eight million-dollar reconstruction fund for restoring Episcopal churches in China and the Philippines. Bishop Binsted was the first person to be ordained to the Episcopal diaconate on the Cathedral grounds in Washington, D. C., in 1915 and also the first person to be consecrated as a bishop on those grounds in 1928.

The Reverend Frederick H. Hope, a retired Presbyterian missionary and founder and former superintendent of the Frank James Industrial School, a missionary institute at Elat, The Cameroons, West Africa, died at Orlando, Florida, on January 4. His age was 70.

Last Gun Fired. The naval gun credited with firing the last salvo against the Japanese has been taken from the veteran cruiser *Concord* and will be preserved. The gun will probably be put on display at the Naval Museum, Washington, D. C.

Chaplain Counselors for Industry, Inc., a non-profit organization, has been organized to succeed the Industrial Chaplaincy Commission. The group will have headquarters in Newark, N. J., and will operate in co-operation with Wheaton College, Ill. It is planned to provide a national council and information service for industry and chaplains.

Demobilization. According to the War Department, the number of generals will be reduced from 1,550 to 761 to keep pace with demobilization of the Army. About 500 of the 761 remaining generals will be retained after July 1. With the process of demobilization, many colonels, lieutenant colonels and majors will also take lower ranks.

The Reverend E. W. Dunbar, associate secretary of the Youth's Department of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, is making a tour of Scandinavian countries to assist in a series of youth congresses. These will be held in Finland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

P E R S O N A L S

CHAPLAIN HENRY WILLARD LAMPE, JR., has been appointed Chief Chaplain of the Armed Forces in Korea. Born in Korea, he is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Henry W. Lampe, Presbyterian missionaries.

CHAPLAIN JAMES E. DAVIS recently released from a prisoner of war camp in Japan, was married in January to Miss Fayne Kirley of Pierre, S. D.

During the "big blow" on Okinawa, CHAPLAIN JOHN E. WATTS, JR., was injured and hospitalized. CHAPLAIN HOWARD S. PITTS who also sustained injuries was later evacuated by plane to Guam.

CHAPLAIN JOSEPH G. MOORE has been chosen as lecturer on Pastoral Theology at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill. The chaplain was an Episcopal clergyman in Evanston for several years prior to entering the chaplaincy.

CHAPLIAN STUART M. ROHRE who was returned from sick leave at Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, is now enrolled for a refresher course at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

CHAPLAIN MORRIS M. LEONARD, USN, performed the wedding ceremony for Commodore Gene Markey and Actress Myrna Loy in January. Admiral William F. Halsey acted as best man.

Former Navy Chaplain ALBERT M. WITWER, JR., has been appointed chaplain for the Protestant Council of New York City. He will co-ordinate activities of Protestant churches in that area in behalf of war veterans.

CHAPLAIN ALEXANDER J. MCKELWAY, USNR, who served aboard the aircraft carrier *Essex* has been appointed chief of special projects division of the chaplaincy service of the Veterans Administration. He was pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church, Pinehurst, N. C., when he entered the Navy in 1942.

CHAPLAIN ERNEST A. DE BORDENAVE, recently released from the Navy and formerly rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Va., has been appointed executive assistant to the Right Reverend Frederick D. Goodwin, Bishop of Virginia.

CHAPLAIN DAVID A. JONES now of Christ Episcopal Church, Seattle, Wash., who served five years with the Army, likes to recall a personal conference he had with the late General George S. Patton, Jr. The General commended the chaplain for starting his religious services on time.

Excerpts from CHAPLAIN ROLAND B. GITTELSOHN'S dedication sermon of a Marine Cemetery on Iwo Jima, were given recently over a broadcast by Robert Tate Allan, church editor of the *Washington Post*. The chaplain, who has served with the Navy since 1936, was formerly of Central Synagogue, Rockville Centre, Long Island.

Easter services, 1945, held by Chaplain James D. Young at the centurys-old post at Port Brooks, Puerto Rico, attended by service men.

CHAPLAIN MAURICE W. REYNOLDS of the Army Chaplain School, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., since January, 1945, is now chief of chaplains of the First Service Command.

CHAPLAIN MERL S. WOLVERTON reports that he traveled about 50,000 miles in Africa, Panama, Australia, New Guinea, England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. However, he is not the only one of his family to serve during World War II, for one son spent 30 months overseas and two other sons served nearly two years with the Pacific Fleet.

CHAPLAIN RALPH L. BATES and Miss Martha Anderson were married in the First Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Va., January 5, 1946.

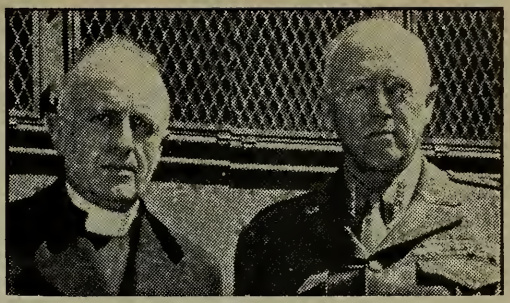
With the discontinuance of appointments to the Chaplain Corps of the Maritime Service, three chaplains have been retained for the cadet schools. They are CHAPLAIN R. O. HARPOLE, Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York; CHAPLAIN H. W. ARTHUR, Cadet School, Pass Christian, Miss.; CHAPLAIN LAURAIN M. WAHLQUIST, Cadet School, San Mateo, Calif.

CHAPLAIN JOHN W. GRAPATIN writes from Germany: "My services in Waldeck are held in an old church. I don't know how many hundred years it has stood. A sign above the entrance says: 'The Gospel was preached here for the first time according to the doctrine of Dr. Martin Luther in 1526.' "

CHAPLAIN FRANK K. BRASINGTON has been appointed Superintendent of Baltimore City Missions. He was formerly pastor of the Baptist Church, Catonsville, Md.

CHAPLAIN HENRY J. MASMAN supervised German carpenters and electricians in the construction of a chapel. It is located in the wing of a barracks where Hitler's SS troopers were quartered in the city of Furth. Perhaps as has been suggested, SS now means Sunday school.

CHAPLAIN H. J. BALSDON has been appointed principal of Trinity House, a Protestant Church School in Amsterdam. The chaplain, former pastor of St. Clair Avenue Baptist Church, Toronto, served with a Canadian Casualty Clearing Station in Holland and Italy.



Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill and the late General George S. Patton, taken during the Bishop's visit to Germany

BILL WOOD, former Penn State grid star and later head coach of football at Gettysburg College, is chaplain of the world-famous Sailors' Snug Harbor in Staten Island, New York.

CHAPLAIN DOUGLAS W. GRAY, USNR, now serving with the Naval Training and Distribution Center, Shoemaker, Calif., and Miss Pattie Tatum Moore of Takoma Park, were married in January at the Presbyterian Church, Takoma Park, Md.

CHAPLAIN ROBERT A. LUNDY formerly with the 16th Armored Division, is now director of the New York office of the World Mission Crusade of the Northern Baptist Convention.

CHAPLAIN JUDAH NADISH recently met with a group in Washington, D. C., in the interest of the Youth Aliyah and Hadassah Medical Organization. First Jewish chaplain overseas, he formerly served with General Eisenhower.

Army Chief of Chaplains, CHAPLAIN LUTHER D. MILLER, conducted the funeral services of Major General George V. Strong, USA, retired, at the Fort Myer Chapel, Virginia. General Strong was formerly assistant chief of staff, Military Intelligence Division.

BISHOP EDWIN F. LEE, former Director of the General Commission, and Mrs. Lee sailed from San Francisco for the Philippines on board the *USS Uraguay*, January 17.

CHAPLAIN ROGER E. MAKEPEACE reports that he visited Gandhi's ashram at Sodepore, and attended the afternoon period of prayer and heard the address to about 3,000 followers. The chaplain is stationed at Dum Dum Field, India.

By invitation, CHAPLAIN PERCY M. HICKOX visited General MacArthur at his headquarters in Tokyo. They discussed Chicopee Falls, Mass., home of MacArthur's distinguished father and the chaplain. The General sent word that when he returned to the States, he intended to visit the old homestead of his father. Before the chaplain left, the General presented him with a signed photograph.

CHAPLAIN HANSEL H. TOWER, USN, has been made senior base chaplain of the Philadelphia Naval Base. He is a member of the New England Southern Conference of The Methodist Church.

CHAPLAIN ROBERT S. BAZZELL recently separated from the Army after serving four and one-half years, has been made Director of Young People and Finance, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

CHAPLAIN J. C. WICKER has been named to succeed his father as principal of Fork Union Military Academy, Va. The chaplain was pastor of the Northside Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., for twelve years prior to entering the chaplaincy.

CHAPLAIN LEWIS BEISSIG, Office of the Chief of Chaplains, delivered the sermon at a recent National Guard Rally held at the Cathedral, Washington, D. C.

Almost five and a half million services were held by U. S. Army chaplains with an attendance of more than 329,000,000 from the beginning of World War II until the end of August, 1945, according to War Department figures.

CHAPLAIN SHEPPARD BRYAN surprised his family recently by arriving home six weeks ahead of schedule. He flew from Calcutta to New York, a distance of 15,000 miles, in three nights and four days. The chaplain is a former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Ardmore, Okla.

CHAPLAIN GEORGE F. RIXEY, Assistant to the Inspector General has returned from the ETO where he was engaged in official business.

Speaking at a luncheon of the Washington, D. C., Chapter of the Army and Navy Chaplains' Association, Dr. John H. Gardner advised chaplains to retain their organized strength after returning to civilian life in order to raise the nation from the low spiritual level to which war has brought it. Dr. Gardner is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Md., and is a member of the General Commission.

CHAPLAIN WILLIAM W. EDEL, USN, now stationed at the Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif., has been commended by Admiral C. W. Nimitz for meritorious and efficient performance of duty.

CHAPLAIN W. ROY BRADLEY has been appointed Service Command Chaplain of the Seventh Service Command with headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska.

CHAPLAIN PERCY G. HALL has been awarded the "Officer of the Grand Ducal Order of the Oaken Wreath" by the Duchess of Luxembourg. He was senior chaplain of the XII Army Corps which spearheaded the Third Army in its drive across France, Luxembourg, Germany, Czechoslavakia and Austria. Chaplain Hall was formerly rector of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Oak Lane, Pa.

CHAPLAIN WILLIAM S. LASOR, USNR, has described an eleven-month "cruise" in western China, during which he rode 250 miles into Japanese territory and served temporarily as a major in the Chinese guerrilla cavalry. During this time he traveled and lived with the Chinese, learning enough of the language to get along for thirty days without an interpretor. The chaplain used everything from airplane to skin boat to travel more than 4,600 miles in order to reach ten of the fifteen stations in his territory.